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19.1 Introduction to Ion Chromatography (IC)

19.1.1 Objectives

Through completion of this module the trainee will have developed and demonstrated theoretical knowledge and/or practical skills to:

- Basic IC terminology;
- The theory and basic design of the instrument;
- Sample preparation techniques;
- The interpretation of results;
- The capabilities and limitations of the instrument;
- QA/QC procedures; and,
- Basic troubleshooting.

19.1.2 Required Readings

- 19.1.2.1 Conlon, R. D., Ettre, L. S., and Yost, R. W., <u>Practical Liquid Chromatography An Introduction</u>, Perkin-Elmer Corporation: Norwalk, CT, 1980.
- 19.1.2.2 Glajch, J. L., Kirkland, J. J., and Snyder, L. R., <u>Practical HPLC Method Development</u>, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York, NY, 1988.
- 19.1.2.3 Kirkland, J. J., and Snyder, L. R.. <u>Introduction to Modern Liquid Chromatography</u>, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York, NY, 1974.
- 19.1.2.4 Shipgun, O. A., and Zolotov, Yu A., <u>Ion Chromatography in Water Analysis</u>, Ellis Horwood Limited, Chitcester, England, 1988.
- 19.1.2.5 Smith, Robert E., <u>Ion Chromatography Applications</u>, 2nd ed., CRC Press, Inc, Boca Raton, FL, 1988.
- 19.1.2.6 Weiss, Joachim, <u>Handbook of Ion Chromatography</u>, Dionex Corporation, Sunnyvale, CA, 1986.

19.1.3 Questions

The trainee will provide written answers to the following questions:

- What is ion chromatography and what information can be obtained from this technique?
- Diagram a typical IC. Explain the purpose of each component.
- Explain how separation occurs in the column amd what factors affect separation.
- What column and mobile phase is used when analyzing for anions? Perchlorate? Cations?
- Diagram the suppressor and explain how it works.
- How do absorbance, electrochemical, and conductivity detectors work?
- Compare HPLC with IC.
- What are the IC's limitations?

19.1.4 Practical Exercises

19.1.4.1 The trainer will demonstrate the operation of the instrument, anion and cation, to the trainee. The trainee will observe at least one complete set-up and analysis of IC samples.

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- 19.1.4.2 The trainer will provide to the trainee a set of 10 anion solutions and a set of 10 cation solutions. The trainee will analyze these solutions which will be properly diluted for comparison with the anion standard.
- 19.1.4.3 The trainee will demonstrate to the trainer how to convert the IC from anion to cation analysis.
- 19.1.4.4 The trainee will given a minimum of five samples to analyze by IC. These samples will include both anions and cations.

19.1.5 Evaluation

- 19.1.5.1 The trainer will review the written answers to the questions with the trainee.
- 19.1.5.2 The trainer and the trainee will review and discuss the pertinent points of each of the required readings.
- 19.1.5.3 Review of practical exercises.
- 19.1.5.4 The trainee will be quizzed orally upon the subject matter.

19.2 Competency Evaluation and Mock Trial

The trainee will use ion chromatography when completing their subdiscipline competency test and will defend their results as a part of their mock trial in that subdiscipline.

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